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AD HOC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 11 JULY 1977.

REFS: (A) STATE 153473, DTG 010144Z JUL 77. (B) USNATO
05670, DTG 201352Z JUN 77. (C) STATE 145819, DTG 230111Z
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HQ USAF JAI, DTG 241402Z JUN 77. (F) CINCUSAREUR AEAJA,
DTG 291430Z JUN 77.

SUMMARY. RE PARA 2 OF REF A WE RECOMMEND AGAINST POST-
PONEMENT OF AD HOC GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED TO CONSIDER THE
NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT WATER POLLUTION TAX ON 11 JULY 77.
ASIDE FROM THE FACT THAT DELAY UNTIL FALL OF YEAR WOULD
PLAY INTO HANDS OF NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES, FALL MEETINGS
WOULD ALSO CONFLICT WITH MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE'S 1978
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BUDGET REVIEW. END SUMMARY.

1. UK REP TO THE MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE (MBC) (ASH)
ADVISED THE US REP TO MBC (DENNEHY) THAT HIS AUTHORITIES
ARE VERY MUCH AGAINST ANY DELAY IN STARTING AD HOC GROUP
DISCUSSIONS OF NETHERLANDS' GOVERNMENT WATER POLLUTION
LEVY UNTIL SEPT (REF A). (FYI: THE UK INITIATED AND

SPEARHEADED THE OPPOSITION TO THIS TAX LEVY AS IT APPLIED TO BOTH THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE HEADQUARTERS AS POLLUTERS: END FYI). THE UK FEARS THAT FURTHER DELAY WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO DECLINE IN INTEREST IN CONTINUING ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO THE LEVY, POSSIBLY TO THE POINT WHERE DUTCH WILL ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVE BY DEFAULT.

2. NETHERLANDS' REP (HAGEMAN) HAS STARTED LOBBYING US REP TO INITIATE PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE AD HOC GROUP MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER, DESPITE FACT HE (HAGEMAN) WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SETTING ORIGINAL 11 JULY DATE. WE THINK NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE DECIDED THERE ARE BENEFITS TO LETTING THE WATER POLLUTION ISSUE COOL UNTIL FALL, BY WHICH TIME CONTINUING PAYMENTS, ALBEIT UNDER PROTEST, MAY CONTRIBUTE AURA OF DE FACTO LEGITIMACY TO DUTCH TAX ACTIONS.

3. IN ADDITION, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT FINANCIAL ASPECTS AND MONITORING RESPONSIBILITY WILL REST WITH THE RESPECTIVE MBC REPS AND THAT BY MID-SEPTEMBER MBC WILL BE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE 1978 BUDGET REVIEW AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DEVOTE SUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO THE TAX PROBLEM.

4. AS OUTLINED REF B, WE FORESEE INITIAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE AD HOC GROUP AS LIMITED TO DEFINING TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PROCEDURE AND DO NOT THINK NEGOTIATIONS WILL GET INTO SUBSTANCE. THEY WILL, HOWEVER, SERVE TO CRYSTALLIZE
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ISSUES AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, HOLD MBC ATTENTION.

5. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH UK THAT DELAY IN OPENING AD HOC GROUP DISCUSSION OF NETHERLANDS WATER POLLUTION LEVY WILL PLAY INTO DUTCH HANDS AND THUS SUPPORT THE UK ARGUMENT FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE MEETING ON ISSUE. FOR THESE REASONS AND IN VIEW OF THE OFFERS OF HQ USAFE (MAJOR ALAN C. STINE) (REF C) AND CINCEUR'S (CAPT I. E. VALENTA) (REF D) LEGAL ASSISTANCE, WE RECOMMEND PROCEEDING WITH SCHEDULED AD HOC MEETING. END COMMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEWS AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION. BENNETT

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